



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION

Appl. No. : 09/631,241 Confirmation No. : 9677
Applicants: Alexey L. Margolin et al.
Filed : August 2, 2000
TC/A.U. : 1651
Examiner : David M. Naff
Title : CONTROLLED DISSOLUTION CROSSLINKED
PROTEIN CRYSTALS

Docket No. : VPI/96-14 CON (RCE)
Customer No.: 1473

New York, New York
January 16, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to file a Continuation application under Rule 53(b) in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 17, 2003. With the five-month extension, the due date for filing a Continuation application or an Appeal Brief would be January 17, 2004. A check in the amount of \$1,005.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), for small entity, is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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